

Fiscal Year 2011 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Requests

Project Name: Arkansas Fire Training Academy
Recipient: Arkansas Fire Training Academy
Project Location: City of Camden, Ouachita County, Arkansas (serves statewide)
Request: \$1,888,000

Project Purpose: The Arkansas Fire Training Academy (AFTA) is a state agency providing training for firefighters across the state. Each year, the AFTA provides free training to the Arkansas fire departments, resulting in a reduced number of firefighter deaths. Funding will be used to purchase updated equipment and replace equipment destroyed by an EF2 tornado in October 2009. Updated training equipment for Arkansas's firefighters would result in better trained and more educated firefighters.

Project Name: DeValls Bluff Pumping Station
Recipient: City of DeValls Bluff
Project Location: DeValls Bluff, Prairie County, Arkansas
Request: \$3,600,000

Project Purpose: This project would repair and restore the DeValls Bluff Pumping Station, which is the local flood control facility, to its original capacity. The project would include the replacement of two existing electric-driven pumps with two engine-driven pumps. Without funding for this project, the next time that FEMA revises the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, this area is at risk of being designated as "unprotected," thereby requiring residents and businesses to purchase costly flood insurance.

Project Name: Lake Village Early Warning System
Recipient: City of Lake Village
Project Location: City of Lake Village, Chicot County, Arkansas
Request: \$133,000

Project Purpose: The purpose of this project is to provide a warning system to notify community residents of any impending disaster or severe weather event. Specifically, \$128,400 would be used to purchase 4 Whelan Vortex-O Series Omni-Directional Sirens and related equipment, and \$4,600 will be used for disaster education for citizens.

Project Name: Little Rock Police Department Interoperability
Recipient: City of Little Rock Police Department
Project Location: City of Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas
Request: \$13,800,000

Project Purpose: The City of Little Rock owns and operates a Motorola analog 800MHz trunked radio communications network which is utilized by most of the public safety and local government administrative services in Pulaski County. The system also interfaces with both voice and data with the state-wide Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) radio network and carries internal data transmissions for all user agencies. The City has initiated an upgrade of the system from analog to Project 25 digital capabilities. A Project 25 digital upgrade will ensure uninterrupted interoperability for all users on the system including law enforcement agencies, fire departments, medical responders, hospitals and other essential city services.

Project Name: TractorFax

Recipient: TractorFax

Project Location: City of Austin, Lonoke County, Arkansas

Request: \$3,000,000

Project Purpose: TractorFax is a comprehensive system which focuses on managing the heavy equipment and agricultural equipment resources that a state or local government uses when responding to an emergency. The goal of this project is for EquipAmerica, which is operated by TractorFax, to provide an academy where first responders will attend a three day curriculum to learn to operate heavy equipment simulators and be exposed to real world equipment practical uses.